



City of New Orleans

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Request for Information

Abandoned Tire Disposal

Timeline

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RFI Submittals Deadline: *March 10, 2023*

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A. Introduction

This Request for Information is used to gain working knowledge to be used in a subsequent solicitation, market research or industry support.

The Request for Information is open to all prospective suppliers and is publicly posted on the City of New Orleans' purchasing portal so that any supplier may submit a response.

A supplier is not required to respond to this Request for Information in order to submit a proposal if a sourcing event is subsequently issued.

This information is only to assist the City of New Orleans' Department Project Delivery Unit in determining how best to fulfill the requirements described herein.

Should the City of New Orleans determine to proceed with a solicitation based on the responses to this Request for Information, the City of New Orleans may then issue one of the following sourcing events: a request for proposal, a request for qualifications, or an invitation to bid.

The sourcing event selected will be in accordance with the City of New Orleans' purchasing policies and procedures.

B. Definitions

“City” means City of New Orleans.

“PDU” means Department of Project Delivery Unit.

“RFI” means this Request for Information.

“Sourcing Event” means a Request for Proposal, a Request for Qualifications, an Invitation to Bid, or any similar solicitation.

C. Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is to provide this market survey to provide the City with options for the “best practice” solutions to reduce and remove the additional dumping of scrap and abandoned tires within Orleans Parish. We are also looking for estimates to the cost associated with the best practice solution.

D. Background

Tens of thousands of used tires are being illegally dumped each year on Louisiana streets, highways, riverbanks, parks, and forests, providing what experts describe as ideal incubators for disease-carrying mosquitoes.

The problems of dealing with all these old car and truck tires – and the costs to taxpayers – are getting worse, according to state and local officials. Recycling fees are rising, and more people and businesses appear to be chucking out their used tires on back streets and empty lots to avoid those higher fees.

"Commercial-scale operators are using New Orleans as a dumping ground for their commercial tires.

Scrap tire stockpiles are not only an eyesore, but also pose a serious environmental and public health threat. Scrap tire stockpiles represent a significant fire safety threat. Once ignited, either through natural causes or more typically by arsonists, scrap tire fires are difficult to extinguish. The black clouds of acrid smoke from a scrap tire fire can be seen for miles around and the fires

often burn for days or weeks. Oftentimes, nearby residents must be evacuated from their homes when such fires are ignited.

In addition to the air pollution and respiratory concerns raised by scrap tire fires, the oily runoff from the burning tires also contaminates the soil and sometimes even the groundwater located beneath the site. In addition to the environmental hazards associated with scrap tire stockpile fires, they also cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight and extinguish. Furthermore, the additional cost of cleaning a tire fire site to mitigate any hazardous waste liability can escalate to millions of dollars.

Mosquitoes are also a problem associated with scrap tire stockpiles. Abandoned scrap tires are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes because rainwater can easily get into the tires creating the small stagnant pools needed for mosquito propagation. For many years, the primary concern associated with such mosquitoes was their ability to spread encephalitis. Notwithstanding the severity of this disease, recent attention has focused on the role that mosquitoes play in transmitting the potentially deadly West Nile Virus. Clearly, the threat of the West Nile Virus has heightened interest in scrap tire stockpile remediation. Scrap tire stockpiles are also prime locations for disease carrying rodents.

Although cold weather will kill off the current crop of mosquitoes, experts say the thousands of discarded tires strewn across New Orleans are harboring vast numbers of mosquito eggs, insulated from the cold and ready to hatch when the weather warms in the spring.

E. Statement of Needs

As mentioned above, scrap tire stockpiles, as well as scrap tires abandoned in parks, along roadways and in vacant lots, also spoil the aesthetic beauty of the environment, destroy neighborhoods, and encourage crime related issues. A landscape littered with scrap tires is diminished in value and has a negative impact on the quality of life for New Orleans residents.

While only a small percentage of the total solid waste stream regarding tonnage, scrap tires are obviously a big problem. in terms of their impact on the environment. There has been some progress in scrap tire stockpile cleanup. The City will provide several Convenience Centers for collection and the pickup of spare tires.

Currently, the City of New Orleans Department of Sanitation collects approximately 35,000 scrap tires per year. We need the capacity to be able to collect an additional 35,000 scrap tires.

Here are the historical counts of waste tires removed by Sanitation through November 30, 2022:

2017	35,101
2018	47,964
2019	38,866
2020	38,838
2021	33,285

2022	31,894
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The City of New Orleans, Infrastructure Group is providing this market survey to industry to provide the city with options for “best practice” solutions to reduce and remove the additional dumping of scrap and abandoned tires within Orleans Parish. We are also looking for estimates to the cost associated with the best practice solution.

This Request for Information will support future procurement actions for removal and/or recycling of abandoned and scrap automobile and truck tires.

F. Contents of Vendor Submissions

The City asks for the following information with any submission by an interested vendor:

- List your company’s complete name, place of business address, telephone number, email address and the contact person assigned to this RFI;
- Provide your company's background (years in operation, ownership information, and staff size);
- Provide a brief narrative description of your company’s capabilities and experience in providing local and/or state agencies with desktop, laptop, tablet computers and services;
- Describe 3 or more projects relevant to this RFI that your company has been hired for by local and/or state agencies; and
- Provide 3 client references with the contact information of individuals (full name, position, telephone number, and e-mail address) who can be contacted by the City.

G. Schedule of Events

RFI advertised and posted to purchasing portal	February 8, 2023
Deadline for receipt of questions	March 1, 2023, by 4:00 PM
Deadline to respond to questions	March 7, 2023, by 4:00 PM
Deadline for receipt of submissions	March 10, 2023, by 4:00 PM

H. Submittal Process

Questions

Suppliers must submit their questions by the above deadline to the following email address: haley.slocum@nola.gov

The subject line of the email submission must read: “Question - RFI – Abandoned Tire Disposal – *[insert name of supplier]*”.

Responses

Responses are due by the above deadline and must be delivered via email only to the following email address: haley.slocum@nola.gov

The subject line of the email submission must read: “RFI – Abandoned Tire Disposal – *[insert name of supplier]*”.

Responses should be limited to no more than 20 single-sided 8 ½” x 11” pages.

Registration

The City strongly encourages registration into the City’s purchasing portal prior to responding to this RFI.

The City’s purchasing portal allows potential suppliers the ability to view current sourcing events along with their requirements.

Please use the link below to access supplier registration instructions:

<https://nola.gov/purchasing/brass/> .

If you have any questions relating to registration, send them to the following email address: procurement.brass@nola.gov . The subject line of the email submission must read: “Purchasing Portal – Registration – *[insert name of supplier]*”.

I. Additional Information

Rights and Options reserved.

This RFI does not commit the City to contract for any supplies or services.

Further, the City is not seeking proposals through this RFI and will not accept unsolicited proposals.

In addition to the rights reserved elsewhere in this RFI, the City reserves and may, in its sole discretion, exercise the right to cancel or modify this RFI at any time at will, with or without notice.

Please note that this RFI and any related discussions or evaluations by anyone create no rights or obligations whatsoever.

The City may revise the RFI before the submission deadline, which will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the RFI.

Responses are non-binding on the City or respondent to the RFI.

The City shall not be liable for any cost incurred by respondents associated with developing a submission, preparing for discussions (if any) or any other costs, incurred by the respondent associated with this RFI.

The materials submitted in response to this request shall become the property of the City.

Public Records Law/Confidentiality

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information submitted in response to this RFI shall not be considered confidential.

The City shall not be required to keep confidential any data or information submitted in response to this RFI.

All material will be handled in accordance with the Louisiana Public Records Act, R.S. 44: 1-44 and applicable rules and regulations.

The City may accept requests from any interested party to keep the information in its submission confidential and may agree to confidentiality if appropriate in accordance with state and federal law.

The proposer may also seek a protective order from a court of proper jurisdiction preventing the release of such information.

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